

Phoenix AGA

September 4, 2009

Lynne Davis, President's Message

Hi Everyone,

It was great to see some old as well as some new faces at our kick off meeting last month. And now that we all survived year end and the beginning of FY10, I hope to see more of the familiar faces and hopefully some more new faces at our next meeting on September 2. This will be an audio session entitled "Grants Management in Today's Environment". Speaking of new faces, we are again offering an incentive for our members to promote the benefits of AGA and recruit new members to our Chapter. Each member that recruits two new members in this program year will receive a \$25 check from AGA. There is no limit on how many times you can receive the \$25 check. As a reminder, you don't need to be an accountant or CPA to become a member, we welcome anyone with an interest in promoting governmental accountability.

Recruiting early career members is especially important to our organization and profession. Projections show that as many as 50 percent of senior government managers and executives will retire in the next five years, leaving a leadership void in their wake. It is up to us to promote the benefits of becoming a government financial management professional to college students, recent hires and other professionals in the beginning stages of their careers. As an added incentive, Early career members pay a reduced membership rate of \$45/year, while students may join for \$30/year.

We hope that you enjoy this month's newsletter, and find it helpful for keeping up to date on events in the Chapter and AGA. I think you will all agree that our Newsletter Editor, Lee Pettit, does a great job each

month providing an informative high quality newsletter, but he could certainly use your help. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have on the newsletter; or any articles you would like to see printed; and interesting places you have visited; lessons learned on roll-outs of new systems, appointments or promotions; employment opportunities; or any other noteworthy accomplishments by our members. We also welcome digital photos to accompany your submission. I received many comments from members on how much they enjoyed seeing Mary's wedding photos and the photos of Kathleen's cruise of the Adriatic. Your articles, comments and ideas are all



welcome.

Finally, as a reminder, at all of our meetings we will be collecting non-perishable food to donate to a local Food Bank. It is a small way that you can give back to the community, but collectively we can make a big difference for someone in need.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

~ Lynne

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Editor's Call for Articles



The AGA Newsletter reaches a niche market interested in your unique viewpoint. Could you please write us an article for next month's newsletter?

I would love to hear what AGA members in the Phoenix chapter have to say. What projects are you working on?

What environments are you working in? How are your circumstances changing? How are you involved with Governmental Accounting? How are you spending your vacation time?

This article was written using the attached form I put together to help me write an article. I seem to do better with blanks to fill in, rather than a blank sheet of paper in front of me. It's kind of silly because most of us write reports everyday, but hey - I had fun putting the form together.

The Phoenix AGA Newsletter is distributed to more than 170 recipients via email. We are individuals in various levels of our careers in all types of organizations. All of us have one thing in common - we are each somehow involved with Governmental Accounting in Arizona.

As the volunteer AGA Newsletter Editor, I asked myself, "How can I ask for your articles without attempting one myself?" So I am doing just that. This article is an invitation to you for articles.

As a volunteer, I feel rewarded by doing my best to serve you. However, my best is still not professional editor quality. Feel free to chuckle at my mistakes. Please take a risk, and make some of your own mistakes in an article for next month's newsletter.

I'm a mid-career professional attempting to be active in my communities. AGA is one of the communities I belong to. My membership is approaching its fifth year. During the last five years, I have met through AGA many impressive and talented professionals actively engaged in important causes. Most work behind the scenes.

My central qualification to write this article as your Newsletter Editor is a desire for increased camaraderie within this community through your active participation. There are many among us who would write a better article on this topic than I. I can't even say I'm the only "Lee Pettit" in the valley. But I'm going to write anyway, just because that is what I am asking you to do.

The upcoming monthly dead-line for article submission is September 30, 2009. As this newsletter develops guidelines will increase. For now, all topics are being considered for publication.

Please submit an article for the October newsletter. We are a niche group who are interested in what you have to say. If you make mistakes, we'll laugh *with* you.

Mary Adelman, CGFM Committee Chair



Thinking about applying for the CGFM Program – Here is a little incentive. From September 1 until December 31, 2009 AGA National office will give a rebate of \$20 for CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters. See www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/promotion.aspx for additional information or contact Mary Adelman, CGFM Chair for more information.



Registration, which includes lunch, is as follows:

**AGA Members: \$20 each EVENT or
\$50 for 3 EVENTS or
\$150 for 9 EVENTS**

Non-Members: \$25 each EVENT

**Please email this completed form to: eventreg@agaphoenix.org
(Please note that registration must be received by registration deadline)**

REGISTRATION FORM - (One form per person)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Are you a member of AGA:

YES _____

- I am registering for a Single Event
- 3 Events
- 9 Events

NO _____

Method of Payment: **Cash** or **Check** payable to **AGA Phoenix Chapter**

Checks can either be handed in person on day of event, or mailed with the completed form to:

**AGA Phoenix Chapter
PO Box 64911
Phoenix, AZ 85082-4911**

Check Number: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Separate registration will be required for Professional Ethics (4 hours CPE) to be held in January 2010 and the Phoenix Chapter Professional Development Conference (8 hours CPE) on April 23, 2010. These two events are not included in the special event pricing listed above.

For more information and details visit our website at: www.agaphoenix.org

Please use the check box below to mark your Event registration.

AGA Phoenix Chapter - Monthly CPE Calendar 2009-2010

Check Box	Date	Time	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aug 12 2009	10:30-12:50	Chapter Meeting/Audio Conference	Next Steps in Accountability and Control Over Recovery Act Funds	2	08/07/09	Maricopa Community Colleges, 2411 W 14th Street, Tempe AZ 85281
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sept 2 2009	10:30 - 12:50	Chapter Meeting/Audio Conference	Grants Management in Today's Environment	2	08/28/09	Maricopa Community Colleges
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oct 7 2009	10:30 - 12:50	Chapter Meeting/Audio Conference	Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff: Making Government Organizations More Effective	2	10/02/09	Maricopa Community Colleges
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov 18 2009	11:30 - 2:40	Chapter Meeting/Educational Conference	Excel (2 hrs), CGFM (1 hr)	3	11/13/09	TBD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dec 16 2009	11:30 - 1:50	Chapter Meeting/Audio Conference	Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud	2	12/11/09	Maricopa Community Colleges
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan 13 2010	11:30 - 2:50	Chapter Meeting/Educational Conference	AZ State Retirement System, AZ State Tax Update and Federal Tax Update	3	01/08/10	Maricopa Community Colleges
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feb 10 2010	11:30 - 2:50	Chapter Meeting/Educational Conference	IT Security and Risk Assessment	3	02/05/10	Maricopa Community Colleges
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 3 2010	11:30 - 1:50	Chapter Meeting/Audio Conference	Fraud	2	02/26/10	Maricopa Community Colleges
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 19 2010	10:30 - 12:50	Chapter Meeting/Audio Conference	Ethics	2	05/14/10	Maricopa Community Colleges
				TOTAL CPE HOURS	21		